



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : TAKAHIRO SAITO et al.

Application No. : 10/800,386

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For : INFORMATION CODE AND ITS READING
DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

Status of the Application

Claims 6-14 are currently pending, of which claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ackley et al. (US 6,375,075), claims 9-14 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ackley in view of Yoshinaga et al. (US 6,073,842).

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ackley et al. (US 6,375,075).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because the invention date of the claimed invention as established below antedates the 102(e) date of Ackley.

US 6,375,075 was filed on October 18, 1999 (102(e) date) in this country and issued on